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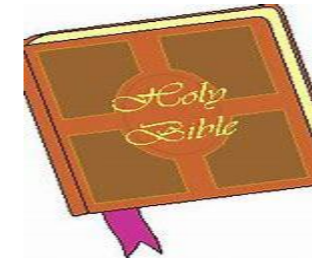
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**Bible study** – For bible study this week we are going to discuss the Our Father. In preparation please read the very last section of the Catechism, part 4 section 2 on Christian Prayer available online at [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_P9V.HTM](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_P9V.HTM)

Wednesday 1st July, 3pm at the Rosary Zoom address or ring Deacon Jim to connect by 'phone.'

If you would like to join in with reciting the **Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm** each Friday you are most welcome. Please use the same Zoom login details as for Rosary.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Fr Paul is saying Mass behind closed doors and will continue to do so whilst the church is closed. Masses this coming week, are listed below.

### Mass Intentions from this Saturday are as follows:

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Pauline Tunstall	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Chris Henderson
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Parish Family	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Kenneth Richards
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Gladys May Moreton RIP (11.00 St Winefride's - graveside)	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Leslie T Cooke
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	All parishioners on our prayer list.	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Carol Saunders

**Please do let us know if you would like a Mass said for someone by e-mailing the parish office.**

### Parishioners who need our Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick at home or in hospital, including:

Dorothy Barber	Patricia Davies
Frances Wright	Rosemary Southwell
Pat Cummins	Sarah Alouane
Pat Matthews	Dot Davies
Tony McDevitt	Ted Henesy
Dorothy Robinson	Sheila Burrell
John Kane	Judy Howard
Maureen Grace	



Please do get in touch via the parish office e-mail if you want anyone adding or removing.

### Daily Rosary continues at 10.30am (apart from Sunday) with St Winefride's parish

To join in please download **Zoom.us** either as an "app" on your phone or tablet or download from the **Zoom.us** website to your laptop. It is free and simple registration with your email and a password. When you have Zoom then type in or click the link below; 'If you prefer to join in over the telephone, please ring Deacon Jim just before 10.30am.

<https://zoom.us/j/252387114> password: [AveMaria](#)

**Fr Paul writes...** I hope you are all well and safely enjoying these sunny days while always remembering that the **Covid 19** is still at our side.

With sadness I announce the death of **Frances Smith**, wife of Len. Her funeral service will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July in Blacon. May the good Lord send a spirit of consolation to Len and the family and also grant his wife Eternal Rest.

I will be celebrating a Mass on the day of Frances' funeral for the repose of her soul.

Pray too for Gladys Moreton whose graveside service takes place this Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.00am. May the Lord comfort her family and grant eternal rest to her soul.

I am hopeful that we will have 'live streaming' for Mass and quiet prayer in the near future. Considerable adjustments are being made in the church to allow for this. We will also be able to have some talks on the work of the Holy Father and the work of our Parish community.

You will see at **the end of the newsletter**, the information that Bishop Mark and his brother bishops have made re the opening of the Church for weekend Mass. I have a duty to ensure the safety of all who come to Mass and other occasions. In light of this, I feel it may take an extra week to prepare the church for the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July. I feel that we need this time, to be given more advice from the Bishops and Government and also to adjust the church for this new phase.

At this time if the church were opened for weekend Masses, we could have only a maximum of 30 Parishioners for each Mass. You will understand that this will require very thoughtful preparations. I encourage you to read Bishop Mark's letter to the Priests and Deacons. Bishop Mark offers us a deeper understanding of the days and weeks ahead. Personally, I hope and pray that some sort of order will enable all of us to fill our spirits with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us keep Bishop Mark, with his Brother Bishops in our prayers.

### **LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES include:**

- Walsingham: [walsingham.org.uk](http://walsingham.org.uk)
- St. Anthony's, Wythenshawe: [churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe](http://churchservices.tv/stanthonyswythenshawe)
- Fr Denis McBride: [rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online](http://rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online)
- Bishop Robert Baron: [wordonfire.org/daily-mass/](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass/)
- Shrewsbury Cathedral: [dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://dioceseofshrewsbury.org)
- CAFOD Children's Liturgy: [cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy](http://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy)  
(This is a fantastic resource for children.)

**You can also access what the pope has to say each day be heading to <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>**

### **A message from the office:**

**Ways to Stay in Touch with Parish News - Visit the parish website**

[www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk](http://www.stwinefridesneston.org.uk)

**Sign up for the weekly parish newsletter via email. To join send an email to the office at**

[parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stwinefridesneston.org.uk)



**News items:** Do you have any good news stories that you would like to share, here in the Parish Newsletter? Are you celebrating a special birthday, anniversary? Birth of a child/grandchild? Do let us know and spread the happiness! Send your good news story and a photo (only if you want) to the parish office e-mail above.



**News from St Winefride's School** Below are some great lockdown poems from some of our Key Workers' children:

**L**ove – I love spending more time with my family,  
**O**ften going out for a walk.  
**C**hocolate is the only thing Grace eats.  
**K**nocked into lockdown,  
**D**octors helping us to survive.  
**O**llie only playing computer games  
**W**e are running out of toilet paper.  
**N**HS are heroes

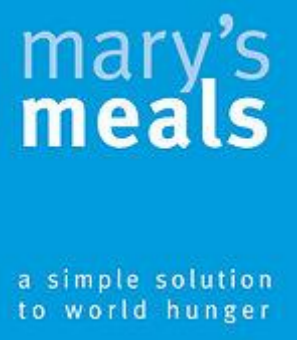
**By Mollie – Year 5**

**L**oved being with my mum,  
**O**nly allowed to go and walk.  
**C**ea Cea's washing machine broke down in the kitchen  
**K**ing Boris been bossing us all around,  
**D**octors help you get better.  
**O**ften we used to have sleepovers but not now!  
**W**ork, boo! My mum is still going to work.  
**N**ormally, all of the children are in school.

**By Darcey – Year 3**

**L**ockdown is terrible.  
**O**vertime, coronavirus will disappear.  
**C**arrots and vegetables are healthy to eat.  
**K**nowing one day it will all end.  
**D**o your best to keep safe.  
**O**h no! Coronavirus is still here!  
**W**hen will this all be over?  
**N**ot seeing my cousins...so sad.

**By Edward – Year 2**



The coronavirus pandemic is causing challenges for us all, and we are very sorry that we cannot visit your church at this time to share the Mary's Meals story.

Until we can be together again, our founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, has recorded a special message for your parishioners.

You can find his message, filmed outside the shed in Argyll where it all began for Mary's Meals, [here](#). We hope you will help to spread the word about our beautiful mission by sharing it on your website or social media channels.

Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you need the message in another format, or if you would like a copy of one of our moving films, [Child 31](#) and [Generation Hope](#), to share with your parishioners. A children's activity pack, based on the story of Mary's Meals, is also available to download [here](#).

Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to meeting you again soon. If you would like to register interest in hosting a talk from one of our volunteers when it is safe to do so, [contact us](#).

May the Lord bless and keep you,  
Daniel Adams  
UK Executive Director, Mary's Meals

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e\\_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9e_zhu98HY&feature=youtu.be)



**FOODBANK** - In this time of lock-down and social distancing please do not go out especially in order to obtain food donations for us. Text and on-line financial donations are just as welcome.

Food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

**Instant mash or tinned potatoes**  
**Tinned cooked meats, corned beef or ham**  
**Tinned meats such as stews, steak or hotpots**  
**Cup-a-soup**  
**Small bottles of cordial / UHT juice**

We try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on our website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them. Donations can be left in Sainsbury's Neston.

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donatefood>

## NEW "Online giving to the Parish"

For those Parishioners who normally give in the collection at Mass and wish to help the Parish at this time, an online donation page, to allow you to donate to the Parish, has been added to the Parish website. There is a new Online Donation button on the home page of our website. By clicking on it, it will take you to the Online Donation website run by **InvestMyCommunity**.



Please be aware that a minimum donation of £5 is requested if giving in this way.

You can also Gift Aid your donation to help the Parish further.

If you want to Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish for regular giving made by Offertory Envelope or Standing Order.

### Things to note:

- \* You will need to use a password each time they donate – this is created the first time that they make a donation.
- \* All donations made by Parishioners are acknowledged by an email from **InvestMyCommunity**.
- \* Please also be aware that donations appear on the bank/credit card statements of the donor with the narrative "Invest My School".

**Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mike Jevons – [mike\\_jevons@hotmail.com](mailto:mike_jevons@hotmail.com)**

**Thank you for your continued support**

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/StWinefrideNeston2218>

## ROCK AND SAND

*Grant us, Lord, a true knowledge of salvation, so that we may serve you faithfully,  
all the days of our life.*

As I sit here in my office with my laptop in front of me and connect to the live stream mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral, recently, I have kept a pen and some paper handy in order to take a few notes of what Bishop Mark, or Father Edmund, has to say in his homily. I often find them inspiring. Of course, this is not something I can do when attending mass at church, I have to try to remember what the priest says. The other day, while speaking about Saint John the Baptist. The bishop mentioned Jansenism, comparing it to the present pandemic and said how the heresy had lasted for three centuries. I have to admit that my education is not good enough to fully understand it. I think it is about predestination and whether we ourselves have any input into our ultimate salvation. Later, I tried to google it but became even more confused. My faith is a very simple faith.

I cannot believe that our destiny is determined before we are even born. We do have a place in God's plan but we have a choice. We have free will. We may not know what God's plan for us is but we can choose to respond to his call and to whatever seems to be the path that he has put before us or we can choose to go our own way. When we sin, we are making a choice, we are not being forced into it although sometimes it might seem that we are. When we sin, we know we are doing wrong and we can choose to do the right thing although sometimes it is so hard to resist doing wrong. It is still our choice to make.

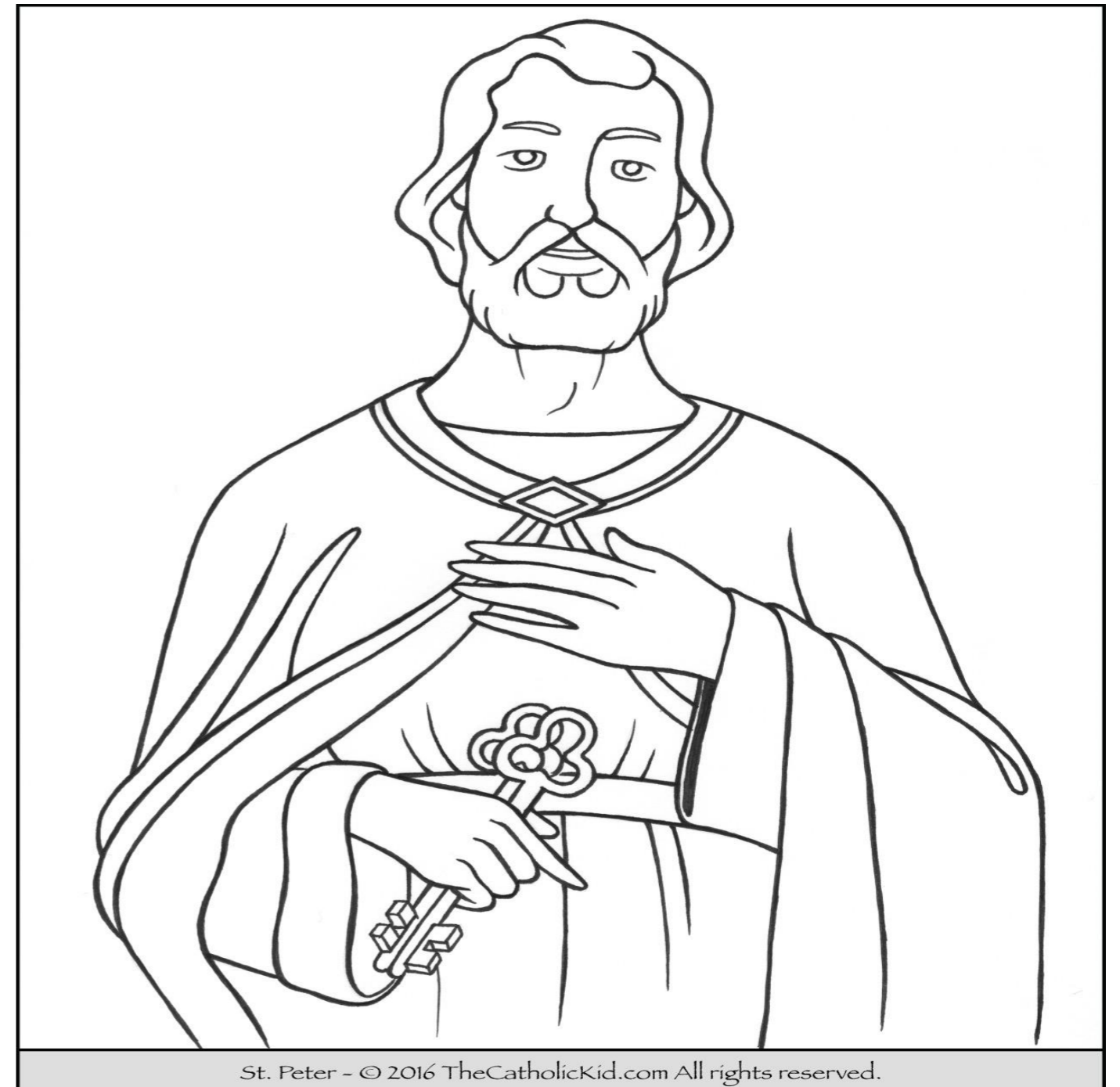
I was given a book written by Denis McBride called "Where does the Story of Jesus Begin". I have started reading it but have not yet read enough to comment on it, but on the back cover it asks, where does my own story begin? On reflection, I think it must start with my parents; the love they had for each other; their shared faith in God, in Jesus and his Holy Catholic Church. In my childhood, I absorbed that faith and devotion and although, at times during my life, I have questioned it, that faith has remained deep within me. As I have said many times, my faith is a simple one. If I have misquoted or misinterpreted what Bishop Mark said, I apologise to him and to those who read my reflection. I speak only the words that are in my heart and pray that they are what The Holy Spirit has put there. In this morning's gospel (Thursday), Matthew 7:21-29, Jesus talks about two houses, one built on rock and one built on sand. I pray that mine is built on rock.

*The important thing is not to say beautiful words about God, but to do the will of the Father and so reveal God's will and his presence in the world. (From the app "Pray as you go".)*

**Children's Sunday Liturgy Page.** Parents, please feel free to print off the page for your children to colour and complete!



**Today we hear how Jesus gave Peter the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.**



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## Bishop Mark's letter to Priests and Deacons.

A MOMENT OF GREAT JOY We are about to embark on the next, decisive stage of our re-emergence from the state of national lockdown with the public celebration of Mass and the availability, at set times, of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

All is due to begin from Saturday 4th July however, **I wish to stress that every parish must feel free to go safely and surely at its own pace.**

The reports which you have shared with me of the joy that has marked the re-opening of church doors, came about thanks to all the hard work involved in the detailed preparation of some 60 of our churches to open for private prayer. I am very much aware of the pressure which the demands of COVID safety have brought. However, nothing can take away the joy of being able to assist many to return, in the weeks ahead, to Confession, Mass and Holy Communion. Amid the pressure of the many details of our compliance with standards of safety may we keep in sight the goal and great joy to be shared.

### MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOPS

I attach a message of encouragement for this Sunday from Cardinal Nichols, together with Archbishops Longley, McMahon and Wilson on behalf of the bishops, which I would be grateful if you could share with your parishioners in every way you can. We are approaching a moment to be celebrated and also to be approached with care and caution. I think this is the note clearly sounded in the Archbishops' note to the Catholic faithful. SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OBLIGATION The faithful continue to be dispensed in this national emergency from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. We have not yet returned to a state of "normality" and there are parishioners who may remain shielded/isolated for many medical reasons. For this reason, I would want to encourage the livestreaming of Mass to be continued wherever possible and the encouragement of prayer in the home and acts of spiritual communion for those unable to attend Mass.

**TWO GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS** I always want to share the advice I have received and today I am pleased to share with you two documents issued this morning from the Bishops Conference. I should note that we are **expecting more general guidance from the Government at some stage**, however, the guidance prepared for the bishops takes into account the best advice and practice available. The guidance assumes that all the provisions for the safe re-opening of a church for private prayer have already been put in place. The documents place a great responsibility on us to ensure that the Mass and the Sacraments can be celebrated safely in the weeks and months ahead. I think it likely that we will receive additional guidance as new questions and issues inevitably arise:

- 1) Guidance for The Celebration of Mass In reading this document you will notice that a decision is to be made, **which I entrust to each Parish Priest who will best know the local situation: Safe Numbers a) To remain with the two-metre social distancing within the church and the number agreed in your risk assessment.**
- 2) To adopt the one metre plus social distancing provision and to consult with the Vicars General and Julie Tinsley our Health and Safety Officer to establish a new and significantly larger safe number for the church. The adoption of one metre plus will require the wearing of face masks for all who attend and the closure and cleaning of the church after every celebration of the Mass.
- 3) a) It may be possible for you to consider an outdoor Mass with all the vagaries of an English summer this would allow one metre plus social distancing without the use of face masks and would significantly increase the numbers able to attend. The Altar would of course need to be covered and shielded from wind, rain and even sunshine!
- 4) Distribution of Holy Communion

The national guidance leaves us with two choices: a) To distribute Communion silently at the traditional time for Holy Communion and in the traditional place in the manner described in the first option using a kneeler or perhaps a small table to create the social distance required of us

b) **To distribute Holy Communion** silently at the end of Mass from an established point with a kneeler or table allowing the faithful to depart from Mass immediately after receiving Holy Communion I think you will see that there are no easy options and we will need to find our way forwards in a way that is both reverent and safe for the parishioners.

### Readers

**I think you will note the requirement of single** use gloves and the possible need to adjust face masks for the purposes of reading. I would wish to add that according to your judgement, I am happy in these extraordinary circumstances for the clergy to read all of the Scripture readings at Mass.

## How Do We Regulate Numbers?

I dearly wish I were able to offer you a readymade solution to this most difficult question. I fear that it will be a source of upset when people arrive to take part in Mass and are not able to attend for safety reasons. It is the stewards who will most often be faced with this situation and a very unpleasant dilemma. I would suggest a clear and compassionate notice be prepared to clearly indicate at the entrance, that the safe number of participants has now been reached and it would be necessary to either attend Mass in the grounds of the church or to return for a later Mass. It may help the stewards simply to be able to point to this notice when the church has reached capacity.

Some dioceses are considering an on-line prebooking of places in church or a ticket distribution, however, this does not overcome the difficulty when people or entire families arrive at the church door without prior booking. One means to help overcome this problem would be to increase the number of Sunday Masses celebrated. The simplification of the Liturgy should allow us to do this more easily. At the Cathedral, this will be the approach that I will propose. I would ask you to seriously consider whether this would be possible. As already mentioned, it may also be helpful to consider the possibility of an outdoor celebration of the Mass which allows a greater number to attend.

2) Guidance for Confession In my previous Ad Clerum, I outlined the benefits at this time of hearing Confessions out of doors. In the guidance received today, we can now envisage Confessions within the church with social distancing and hygiene requirements Diocese of Shrewsbury - Ad Clerum 20/26 June in place, either in the church itself or with extra conditions within a confessional where there is an enhanced physical divide between priest and penitent. I commend all the advice to you in the light of your local circumstances. However, this is the time for us to begin announcing and making provision for the return of many to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

## FUNERAL MASSES

I want to note that from 4th July, following the safety requirements for Mass, it will be possible to celebrate Requiem Masses once more. Again, **I leave the judgment as to whether this is possible to the local Parish Priest.**

## FURTHER GUIDANCE

We might expect further guidance in the weeks to come on the pastoral care of the sick. I would want to record all of our thanks to Canon Chris Thomas, the General Secretary of the Bishops Conference, who has done such outstanding work in helping co-ordinate our response to this public health emergency. I have certainly been grateful for his availability to assist the bishops and dioceses through every difficult day of this crisis. FOR TODAY ... I think the documents attached will be sufficient for today! I hope you will be able to ponder the content over the weekend and then consider the next steps in the coming week. I am sure there will be many questions arising which I will do my best to address. Be assured of my understanding of the difficulties and complexities involved in taking these next positive steps forward in the parishes. With remembrance in my prayer and with my gratitude,

**+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury**